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01-03-11

A "brouhaha" is brewing in the navy... after raunchy "instructional" videos are leaked! Here are some clips we can show you. Head honcho, Captain Owen Honors... Says he shot and used sexually charged scenes "and" anti-gay comments for important instructional safety videos... To get the staff to pay attention to them. The captain even took one for the team and "starred" in 'em! We'll have more on the navy probe... Coming up. Arkansas officials are trying to explain why thousands of birds and fish turned up dead. 100-thousand fish washed up along the Arkansas river this weekend. scientists think it was due to disease. But about 100 miles away in Beebe, Arkansas... 5-thousand birds fell from the sky right before the clock struck "20-11."

01-04-11

investigators have ruled the death of an ex-white house aide whose body was found in a Delaware landfill... a homicide. Now they're trying to figure out exactly where John P Wheeler was killed. They believe his body was picked up by a dump truck that collected trash from ten different commercial sites several miles from wheeler's home. He was supposed to take the train from D-C to Wilmington December 28th, but it's not clear if he made it. The 66-year old military expert worked under Ronald Reagan and both Bushes.

A tragic end to the search for a missing Illinois mom who walked away from a car crash that killed her husband. Cops found Tanya Shannon's body yesterday in a soybean field about a mile from where she and hubby dale crashed while driving home from a Christmas party "early" last month. Investigators believe dale lost control of the car, slid backward into a pole and broke his back.... and Tanya went searching for help. Dale's blood alcohol level was three times the legal limit. The couple had four kids.

01-05-11

Navy big whigs are now looking at what role other officers played in the video scandal... after relieving its top gun. captain Owen honors will be permanently dismissed from his command and put on desk duty. Honors came under fire for producing and starring in videos containing sexually charged scenes "and" anti-gay comments for important instructional safety videos. The navy says... his profound lack of good judgment and professionalism.. calls into question his character and undermines his credibility. He's also coming under fire from actress Glenn close! She says she's "distracted" they used what was a seemingly innocent picture snapped during a visit to the carrier four years ago.

school is back in session on capitol hill as the new congress starts today. and already republicans armed with new power will pounce on one of their top targets... Healthcare reform. House g-o-p'ers promise to choke its funding and cause major delays... Even though it probably won't pass the dem-controlled senate. The house scheduled a vote to repeal it next week.

01-06-11

The research behind a 19-98 study linking autism to vaccines is now being called a 'fraud'. You know.. Some parents, worried that vaccines could lead to autism in their children so they stopped getting immunizations. A u-k medical journal says Doctor Andrew Wakefield faked data to prove his point. The study has now been retracted, Wakefield lost his license in Britain and most of his co-authors pulled their names from the study after they found out a law firm that planned to sue vaccine manufacturers... Paid him. But Wakefield is defending himself. You'll hear why coming up.

The new top dog in the house will start his first full day as speaker... Of course holding his big stick. john Boehner was sworn in yesterday as the 61st speaker of the house as republicans officially took charge of the chamber. He

will welcome 94 new members.. the largest freshman class with no previous experience in elective office in 63 years. today the g-o-p plans to read the constitution to kick off the session.

01-07-11

cops in Nebraska say this high school senior had been disciplined hours before opening fire at his school. cops say robert butler, junior was sent home by the assistant principal for driving his car on the school's track and football field new year's day. He returned to school, asked to speak with the principal and assistant principal again in her office... and shot them both. The principal is still in the hospital. Butler shot himself in his car a few miles away. cops in Maryland say someone upset about road signs sent his own explosive sign to the governor. investigators say two packages, the size of small books caught fire when they were opened at Maryland state government building 20 miles apart. One was addressed to the governor complaining about highway signs that urge drivers to report suspicious activity. The feds think the mailer is a lone wolf.. Not linked to any terror organizations.

01-10-11

the Tucson man accused of shooting 20 people Saturday.. Including a federal judge, a nine year old girl and congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's will be in court today. The 9-1-1 call from Gifford's intern as he held her in his arms has just been released. <"911, there was a shooting at Safeway." "Okay, what do you mean?" "I'm ? where Gabrielle Gifford's was. And I do believe Gabby Gifford's was hit"> jared Lee Loughner is charged with five counts of first-degree murder and attempted murder. meanwhile, president obama has asked for a moment of silence at 11 a-m eastern today to remember the victims.CHECK OUT THIS UNUSUAL SCENE IN HOT-LANTA. . A MAN SKIING DOWN A SNOW COVERED STREET. ANOTHER WINTER STORM IS SOCKING THE SOUTH AND COULD BE HEADED NORTH. MITCH HAS MORE. Traffic screeched to a snowy stop on a major Atlanta highway early today...Snow and ice left drivers stranded on highways and roads overnight. Several inches of snow fell in just a few hours. ALREADY THERE'S BEEN 1400 FLIGHTS CANCELLED OUT OF ATLANTA. THERE'S ALSO SNOW WILL STRETCHING FROM THE TEXAS PANHANDLE AND TO NORTH CAROLINA AND NORTHWEST SOUTH CAROLINA. UP TO 6 INCHES IN AND AROUND THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS AND NORTH-CENTRAL OKLAHOMA COULD FALL. IT'S ICE INTO CENTRAL ALABAMA, CENTRAL GEORGIA AND THE REMAINDER OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THE SNOW AND SLEET WILL GIVE WAY TO SLEET AND FREEZING RAIN. ABOUT A QUARTER OF AN INCH WILL BEGIN TO CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR TREES AND POWER LINES.

01-11-11

the Tucson man accused of shooting six people to death including a federal judge and a nine year old girl.. As well as injuring a congresswoman... could face the death penalty if convicted. That's the word from prosecutors after jared lee loughner made his first appearance in court and sheriffs release this creepy mug shot. he was in and out of a federal courtroom yesterday to hear the five felony charges against him. His next hearing is January 24. Meanwhile, doctors say congresswoman gabby Gifford's is stabilizing after getting shot in the head. But little Christina green's parents are prepping for her funeral. newly sentenced tom delay says he won't delay appealing a judge's ruling sentencing him to three years in prison. the former house majority leader got three years for conspiracy and 10 years probation with community service for money-laundering yesterday. He was found guilty last November of funneling 190-thousand dollars to help elect Republicans to the Texas state House and Senate in 2002. DeLay still says he's not remorseful because he doesn't think he did anything wrong.

01-12-11

president obama and first lady Michelle will be in Arizona today to remember the victims of the tragedy in Tucson Saturday. and there's even more hope for congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's this morning. Her office just released these pics of her husband holding her hand. doctors say she has a 101 percent chance of surviving after she moved her arms and is breathing on her own. Yet, they're still cautious. meanwhile, we're finally hearing from and getting a glimpse of the shooter's parents. they just released a statement saying "We don't understand why this happened. We care very deeply about the victims and their families. We are so very sorry for their loss." Six people were killed and 14 others hurt. Jared Lee Loughner is charged with five felonies.WEATHER IS ALSO BIG NEWS TODAY AFTER AIRLINES PLAN TO CANCEL HUNDREDS OF FLIGHTS TODAY ON TOP OF THE 2000 FLIGHTS THEY CANCELLED YESTERDAY. IT'S ALL DUE TO A WEATHER BOMB.. MAKING ITS WAY UP THE ATLANTIC. MITCH HAS MORE ABOUT THE WINTER 'EXPLOSION' KIA, WE'RE CALLING IT A BOMB BECAUSE THIS THING WENT EVERYWHERE. THE "WINDY CITY" HAS ALSO BECOME — A SNOWY CITY. IN CHICAGO THEY SENT 174 TRUCKS TO CLEAR THE CITY'S STREETS AS THE SNOW FELL. TRAFFIC HAS BEEN MESSY IN A NUMBER OF SPOTS, AND THE SNOW IS ALSO CAUSING PROBLEMS AT THE AIRPORTS. FURTHER EAST,

BOSTON WILL BE NEAR THAT 2-FOOT TOTAL. RAIN MIXING WITH THE SNOW WILL KEEP ACCUMULATIONS WAY DOWN OVER CAPE COD AND NANTUCKET.

01-13-11

A miracle happened in Tucson yesterday. Right before the memorial service, congresswoman gabby Gifford's opened her eyes and responded to the people and her husband in her hospital room. president obama met with Gifford's family in her room and shared the good news with thousands who gathered at the university of Arizona Tucson last night to honor the victims. six people were killed, 14 others hurt... With five still in the hospital officials in the new England area hope to lift the snow emergency today.. That's if conditions improve. But just in case.. Massachusetts has put 250 national guardsmen on alert to help out. Mitch has the update. Parts of Connecticut are buried under more than two feet of snow. Take a look at the roads. Many people stayed inside, with schools and businesses shut down. The National Weather Service says some areas got two to three inches of snow per hour.

-15,000 homes w/o power in MASS

-Amtrak suspended service

-1,700 flights canceled at NY three major airports

-hundreds of flights grounded at Boston's Logan

01-14-11

The youngest victim of last Saturday's tragedy in Tucson was honored yesterday with the u-s flag found at ground zero on 9-11.. the day little Christina green was born. Her parents say remembering that moment will help them stay strong. Two-thousand mourners packed the church to say goodbye. Federal judge john roll will buried today. meanwhile, congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's has reached a "major milestone" in her recovery. Doctors say she could be sitting up in her chair as early as today. She's already opened both eyes, move both arms and legs and seems to be aware of her surroundings. this is one day after the president and first lady visited with the Gifford's family. Meanwhile, new developments about the suspected gunman jared lee loughner. A bag that belongs to loughner contains the same kind of ammo used in the massacre. Cops say items in the bag are connected to the shooting. DON'T HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT BUT NEED YOUR TAX REFUND QUICK? THE tax man has your back. THE feds ANNOUNCED A PLAN to put LOW-INCOME TAX PAYERS' refunds on a PREPAID DEBIT CARD. THE CARD CAN BE USED TO BUY ITEMS OR TO WITHDRAW CASH FROM AN A-T-M. THE NEW CARDS WILL LET YOU GET YOUR REFUNDS FASTER AND AVOID CHECK-CASHING FEES. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL SEND OUT LETTERS TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY NEXT WEEK.

01-17-11

Big news from Arizona as congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's gets upgraded from critical to serious condition.. Eight days after getting shot through the brain. doctors took her off the ventilator and inserted a tube below her windpipe instead to help relieve pressure to the brain. She's also moving "both" sides of her body. And here's a heart-warming side-note about the nine-year-old killed in the Tucson shooting. Christina Green's family donated her organs to save the life of a child on the east coast.

some senators are singing u-n-i-t-y this morning.. At least for the moment. democratic senator Charles Schumer and republican tom Coburn say they plan to sit together at the state of the union address as a sign of unity. the president's speech is later this month.

01-18-11

Doctors say Arizona congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's progress is nothing short of miraculous! They say she is recovering so well from the weekend surgery to remove bone fragments from her eye... That she smiled and rubbed her hubby's neck! And she "could" move to rehab in a matter of "days." Oh... and there had been rumblings that Gifford's could lose her house seat because of an Arizona law stating public seats become vacant if not worked in for three months. But Washington legal eagles quickly pounced, saying it doesn't apply to congress.

All eyes will be on wall street today to see if apple's stock will fall after c-e-o Steve jobs' announced he will take a second leave of absence. JOBS emailed his EMPLOYEES THAT HE IS TAKING TIME OFF due to MEDICAL REASONS. He says he'll still have a say in MAJOR DECISIONS BUT C-O-O TIM COOK will be holding the fort down. COOK RAN THE COMPANY when JOBS TOOK HIS FIRST LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO HAVE A LIVER TRANSPLANT.

01-19-11

another victim of the Arizona shootings will be released from the hospital today. That means congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's is the only one still hospitalized. Meanwhile, the feds are reviewing videos taken by the grocery store surveillance cams. Investigators say they show.... Suspect Jared Lee Loughner walking up to Gifford's and shooting her point blank in the face. And that federal judge John Roll was killed while trying to shield another victim from the bullets. 19 people in all were shot, six died.

The white house just announced its appealing a ruling by a Virginia judge declaring a part of the healthcare law unconstitutional. This as the g-o-p controlled house has scheduled a vote today to repeal it nationwide. last month the Virginia judge ruled the part requiring Americans to start buying health insurance in 2014 or face a fine is unconstitutional. But the white house says, it will keep health insurance premiums low. By the way.. The healthcare repeal has no chance of passing the senate.

01-20-11

We need to start calling congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's 'superwoman'. She "stood up" yesterday with some help.. and will be moved to a rehab center specializing in brain injuries in Houston this weekend. meanwhile, a grand jury indicted the man charged with shooting her. Jared Lee Loughner is charged with three counts of attempted murder for trying to kill Gifford's and two of her aides. But he's expected to be charged with murder for the six people who die and face the death penalty if convicted.

IT MAY BE THE PUNCHLINE FOR LATE NIGHT SHOWS, BUT CHINA DOESN'T REALLY OWN THE U-S. NUMBERS SHOW THAT 75-PERCENT OF THE NATION'S DEBT IS IN THE HANDS OF U-S INTERESTS. STILL, WE DO OWE CHINA 900 BILLION DOLLARS... THAT'S MORE THAN what WE OWE ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL LENDER. and it MAKES UP LESS THAN SEVEN PERCENT OF OUR 14 TRILLION DOLLAR DEBT. But, we can't just sit on that note.. because IF CHINA WANTED TO SUDDENLY CALL it in.. IT would mean serious CHAOS TO THE U-S ECONOMY.

01-21-11

It's being dubbed the "godfather" of all mafia busts! 125 suspects, from seven mob FAMILIES, spanning several states and decades! That's what THE FEDS netted YESTERDAY in a pre-dawn sweep. Oh, AND.. A CHANCE TO ANNOUNCE THE TAKEDOWN IN NEW YORK WAS AN OFFER THE U-S ATTORNEY GENERAL "COULDN'T REFUSE" 91 SUSPECTS ARE CHARGED WITH FEDERAL CRIMES INCLUDING MURDER AND RACKETEERING. THE Others WILL BE CHARGED with "assists." and I believe, holder also confirmed that Luca Brasi still sleeps with the fishes.

THE REPEAL OF DON'T ASK DON'T TELL MAY save AMERICA some dough. A NEW STUDY BY THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE SAYS THE POLICY HAS COST THE U-S 193-MILLION FROM 2004 TO 2009. THAT FIGURE INCLUDES RECRUITING AND TRAINING REPLACEMENTS FOR THOSE TOSSED OUT. THE REPORT ALSO showed ABOUT 40-PERCENT OF SERVICEmen BOOTED HAD SKILLS IN A CRITICAL OCCUPATION.

01-24-11

Two big stories this Monday am... involve cop shootings. The first out of Tacoma, Washington... Where the f-b-i is on the case of a shootout outside "wal-mart" that left 2 dead and 2 cops hurt. Sheriff's deputies were called to check out a "suspicious man" yesterday afternoon. When they tried to talk to him... He opened fire. Two officers were hit, but not killed. However... A young female was shot and later died. The feds will help figure out "if" she was related to the shooter somehow.

And Motown's top cop says he'll review security procedures after four cops were shot "at the precinct." The chief says the man just walked in and started shooting. Fortunately, all the officers are expected to survive. The shooter was shot and killed.

Well on to some much lighter news... The matchup is set... super bowl 45 will be the battle of the blue collars... The Pittsburgh Steelers versus the green bay packers! Aaron Rodgers led "the pack" to beat the bears 21-14 for the n-f-c title. The Steelers silenced the jets with a 24 to 19 win for the a-f-c. And it'll be a packed house in Dallas come Feb. sixth... Cowboy's stadium holds 100-thousand "plus" and the Steelers and Packers have some of the leagues' best traveling fan bases!

01-25-11

J-o-bs... Will top the agenda for tonight's state of the union address. President Obama will be promoting more of a bipartisan effort to create more! and we'll see an example of that bipartisanship as republican and democrats sit together... In what's being dubbed "date night." How sweet. Also in attendance... congresswoman Gabrielle

Gifford's' intern, Daniel Hernandez who helped save her life... and nine-year-old Christina green's family. the state of the union airs tonight at 9 p-m eastern.
speaking of the tragedy in Tucson, the accused triggerman had the audacity to smirk and chuckle in court yesterday as a judge entered a 'not guilty' on his behalf. jared lee loughner is charged with three counts of attempted murder... More charges are coming. His next court appearance is set for march 9th in Tucson this time instead of phoenix. Prosecutors want to be closer to witnesses and victims.

01-26-11

Bipartisan efforts to "boost jobs" was the theme of the State of the Union ... And President O says it's all about returning to our roots, as innovators! It looks like Americans are onboard with him. A new cbs poll shows 91-percent of respondents approved of the proposals the prez made. And the twitter-nation responded big time too... We'll show you in minute.

The Tucson shootings also played a big part in the speech... <"As we mark this occasion, we are also mindful of the empty chair in this Chamber, and pray for the health of our colleague - and our friend - Gabby Gifford's. (applause)> Gifford's office later released this pick of her... holding her hubby's hand while watching the address. He was wearing the same ribbon leaders wore to honor the victims. Doctors upgraded her to good condition yesterday... as they prep to move her to a rehab today.

01-27-11

If you're rolling in an older ford windstar.. Head to the dealership so they can fix it. Ford just announced a recall on.. more than 425-thousand minivans made from 19-99 to 2003. ford says the brackets and mounts could separate from the frame... Causing you to lose control. It only applies to those sold or registered in 22 cold weather states and d-c because the road salt used during the winter could corrode the parts. Click on the rebuzz tab on our website for more info.

Listen up ladies... If you're packing BREAST IMPLANTS... The feds have a new warning for you. THE F-D-A reports that WOMEN WITH SILICONE OR SALINE BREAST IMPLANTS... MAY HAVE AN INCREASED CHANCE OF GETTING anaplastic large cell lymphoma. So far, the number of reported cases is slim... BUT they say MORE RESEARCH IS NEEDED. FOR NOW... DOCs SAY JUST KEEP YOUR NORMAL breast-check ROUTINES.

01-28-11

seven people have died and tens of thousands are still in the dark in the northeast after record breaking snow 're-buries' the area. Mitch is over in the weather center to tell us just how much fell and what to expect this weekend... here are the numbers..

at least 5 cities posted snowiest January on record.

New York got 19 inches, Philly saw 17, and Boston got about a foot.

5,400 cancellations now blamed on the fifth major winter storm to hit the region.

l-a-p-d has arrested "one of its own" for making up a story about being shot while patrolling near a high school last week.

Officer Jeff Stenroos's 'little lie' sent the city into a frenzy.. Schools were locked down.. While cops went door-to-door looking for a shooter.

Cops even drew up a sketch based on what stenroos description and offered a 100-thousand dollar reward.

Well, last night the police chief said stenroos filed a false report... And they're still trying to figure out "how he wounded himself."

01-31-11

now that several u-s airlines have suspended flights in and out of Egypt.. The state department will start evacuating Americans out today on chartered planes. The news comes as protestors are 'amping it up!

Seven days in to the protests aimed at ousting the long-time president, nothing seems to be calming them down.

They've broken government curfews and weren't even scared away by low-flying fighter jets last night. More than 100 people have died. Thousands more hurt.

JUST DAYS AFTER DIGGING OUT FROM THE SNOW.. ANOTHER MASSIVE WINTER STORM IS MOVING ACROSS THE MIDWEST RIGHT NOW THAT'S EXPECTED TO COVER THREE-QUARTERS OF THE COUNTRY... AFFECTING 100 MILLION PEOPLE. AND MITCH, THAT'S BEFORE IT REACHES THE EAST COAST? PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL MIGHT STAY INSIDE KIA AS THIS THING COULD HIT THE KEYSTONE STATE BY GROUNDHOG'S DAY. THIS ONE IS BEING CALLED THE BIGGEST STORM OF THE SEASON. THIS SYSTEM WILL BEGIN OVER THE SOUTHERN PLAINS TONIGHT AND STRENGTHEN AS IT MOVES NORTH. ONE TO TWO FEET OF SNOW WILL MOVE ACROSS EASTERN KANSAS, WESTERN AND NORTHERN MISSOURI INCLUDING KANSAS CITY. THEN MOVE EAST NORTHEAST. THE BAD PART IS THAT THIS STUFF

Turns to rain and sleet. Freezing that snow and making driving near about impossible. Here's what it looks like right now

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02-01-11

Now cell phones don't work in Egypt as the government tries to cut all communications. Trains stop running and banks and schools are closed too. But one million protestors still plan to march today from Cairo to the presidential palace on this 8th day of unrest. just look at the fear on this soldier's face who's obviously overwhelmed. But top military brass say soldier will not shoot protestors. cops in PHILLY SAY they've nabbed SIX TEENS WHO they believe KIDNAPPED AND ASSAULTED A 13 YEAR-OLD BOY EARLIER THIS MONTH... And they're looking for a seventh! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS... Cops say ONE OF THE SUSPECTS recorded the ASSAULT ON HIS CELL PHONE. Investigators believe THE TEENS KIDNAPPED THE BOY while ON HIS WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL... PUNCHED AND DRAGGED HIM AROUND BEFORE STUFFING HIM IN A TREE. WHEN the boy TRIED TO ESCAPE, THEY HUNG HIM ON A FENCE POST!

02-02-11

senate republicans are being sneaky about how they plan to bring up the health care law for a vote today. here's the deal. The Dems want to pass a 'jobs bill' today that'll save or create about 280-thousand jobs. So Kentucky's g-o-p senator Mitch McConnell says he plans to attach the health care repeal as an amendment to the 'jobs' bill. 'but'... the Dems will "protest" the amendment, which means republicans would need 60 votes to get it approved. And they don't have that many votes.

after all the uproar about those revealing TSA body scanners... Officials are trying to tone it down. right now.. The 'naked' body scanners show all your cracks and crevices.. The outlines of your bums and boobs.. And everything in between. now.. The scanners will show a 'generic outline' of the person. If a 'threat' is detected... it'll be tagged by a red target. The new scanners are being tested now in 'hotlanta', vegas and d-c.

02-03-11

Now it's really starting to get out of hand in Egypt. Here's new video from Tahrir square where in just one hour overnight.... Four people died and more than 200 people were hurt. president mubarak supporters are in a heavy battle with anti-government protestors. the military had remained idle until now. Soldiers have now moved between pro and anti-Mubarak demonstrators. u-s officials say the next 24 to 48 hours are critical as the situation "could turn really ugly". Word is conversations between the white house and Egyptian officials have also turned tense and urgent.

senate democrats finally flexed their muscles by staying united in killing the repeal on the health care law. as expected, no democrats voted for repealing the law.. As all of the republicans voted in favor of a repeal. But this is all really just for show.. Because the Supreme Court will decide the law's fate.. as it hears a constitutional challenge about that mandate that most Americans buy insurance. that won't happen until its next term, which starts in October.

02-04-11

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE SUPER BOWL, BUT TURNS OUT THE BIG GAME COMES WITH SOME PRETTY HEFTY PRICE TAGS. ADVERTISERS WILL SHELL OUT 3-MILLION BUCKS THIS YEAR FOR A 30-SECOND SPOT. THAT'S UP FROM 37-THOUSAND DOLLARS DURING THE FIRST SUPER BOWL BACK IN 19-67. AND CONSUMERS WILL SPEND ABOUT 10-BILLION DOLLARS TO PREPARE FOR THE BIG GAME. FOUR-AND-A-HALF-MILLION PEOPLE ARE THINKING ABOUT GETTING A NEW T-V... AND THOSE HAVING PARTIES.. WILL cost ONE-AND-A-HALF-BILLION ON FOOD AND BEER FOR SUNDAY ALONE.

10 days of protests and the situation continues to deteriorate. Anti-government protestors are calling on the masses to turn out for what's being dubbed a 'day of departure' a day for president mubarak to get to steppin'. President Obama says this drama needs to end now but mubarak told abc news he "wants to step down now" but it would cause more chaos. But the white house and Egyptian officials are discussing 'a variety of different ways' a new government could take shape.

02-07-11

looks like the grass 'is' greener on the other side.. As the black and yellow just couldn't get it together. green bay fans celebrate as the packers beat the Steelers 31 to 25.

q-b aaron rodgers also took home the mvp award leading the packers to its fourth super bowl victory. Things are slowly returning to normal in egypt this morning... As banks reopen and people are able to use the atms. But president hosni mubarak keeps a chokehold onto power. and that's why peeps are still camping out in tahrir square. But egypt's new v-p says they're working on a deal with anti-government groups. They met yesterday to discuss concessions.. Including ensuring freedom of the press. President obama also say he wants a representative government in egypt.

02-08-11

the white house is amping up the pressure on egyptian president mubarak to step aside as protests go on, on this 15th day. President obama says there needs to be a series of steps and timeline for a new government to establish that everyone likes. But the only thing these protestors say they want is mubarak out of the country. There will be more protests today and friday.. As demonstrators have barricaded themselves in a tent camp in tahrir square. They promise to stay until mubarak leaves. hot of the assembly line..

Word is ford's all new 20-11 explorer may be rolling dirty. the automaker is recalling 16-hundred s-u-v's made between last july and december for a safety problem with the second row seats. The seats may not be strong enough in the event of a crash. Ford will send out recall notices monday.

02-09-11

toyota stocks in japan are up this morning after u-s officials conclude the so-called "sudden acceleration" problems were "not" electrical. Instead the transportation department says it was floor mats, sticky pedals and driver error. Nasa scientists vouch for it after 10 months of tests. Toyota was forced to recall almost 8 million vehicles and pay 49 million in fines because it was slow to respond to complaints. But the automaker could still faces hundred of lawsuits from victims. protestors egypt are really getting fired up today after the v-p there told them president mubarak is staying put for now and that the government wouldn't put up with the drama for much longer. But the obama administration also had strong word for egyptian officials saying they need to stop harassing protestors and immediately repeal an emergency law allowing detention without charge. Meanwhile, a young Google exec who was just released after being held 12 days in a secret detention.. Made his first appearance yesterday.. Cheering amongst demonstrators.

02-10-11

There's an open house seat in new york this morning. Republican "rep" chris lee quit just three hours after word got out he sent this bare chested pic of himself to a woman he met online. lee who is married with one son... posted an apology on his website saying quote, I have made profound mistakes and I promise to work as hard as I can to seek their forgiveness. Gawker dot com broke the story saying lee exchanged emails with a woman on craigslist claiming he was a divorced lobbyist. She cut all ties after doing research and discovering his true identity. Lee won reelection in november.

A little more than a month after getting shot through the brain, arizona congresswoman gabby giffords is finding her voice. and her office says she's said some other things too. Staffers won't comment on whether she understands what happened to her.

02-11-11

the entire world thought we'd be waking up to egyptian president mubarak out of town. But he said psych! But protestors aren't giving up. today's marches.. Possibly the largest yet, are called a day of martyrs. mubarak claims the v-p is now the 'h-e-i-c'.. has all the power.. And that he'll leave office when his term is up. The white house isn't happy about mubarak's actions.. In statement.. President obama says... we urge the Egyptian government to move swiftly to explain the changes that have been made, and to spell out in clear and unambiguous language the step-by-step process that will lead to democracy.

another pipeline explosion lit up the skies of the midwest last night. This time in rural Ohio where luckily no one was hurt. This as investigators in allentown are still trying to figure out what triggered a natural gas leak that set off explosions leveling two homes killing five people.. Including a four month old baby. 47 homes were damaged.. 8 homes were destroyed and it took investigators several hours to put out the blaze. Investigators are also trying to figure out where the leak started. They'll use a camera to look for cracks in a nearby gas pipe that was installed in the 19-20's. The utility company says a routine leak-detection check this week didn't find any problems in the area.

02-14-11 it's a new week in a new egypt. The military is in control for the next six months.. Dissolving the parliament and suspending the constitution. the armed forces plans to appoint a committee to come up with changes to the constitution and have the voters approve it. banks are also closed until wednesday and the stock market is set to open later this week. But the 'revolution' is moving beyond egypt... With protests planned in iraq, yemen and libya for regime changes.

president obama is delivering his proposed budget for 20-12 to capitol hill this morning... Setting up a budget brawl. the massive three trillion dollar plan promises to cut a little more than one trillion dollars over the next decade. It'll freeze many domestic programs for five years, trim military spending and limit tax deductions for the rich. Republicans say it's still not enough. If congress approves it, the new budget will kick in october first.

02-15-11

In egypt.. Peeps are still singing in the streets.. Celebrating president mubarak resignation. There's so much parlaying going on... The military set up a curfew to get them back home and go back to work. Remember, the huge unemployment rate and lagging wages were part of the reason for their protests.

an arizona jury will start the penalty phase for an anti-immigration vigilante, found guilty of killing a Latino man and his 9-year-old daughter. shawna forde was convicted of leading a raid at the family's home in 2009. She shot american-born citizens raul flores and 9-year old brisenia... execution style. Forde was looking for money to fund her own militia group after getting kicked out of the minutemen group. Two male accomplices will stand trial later this year.

02-16-11

the pentagon is in it's own battle.. After more than a dozen vets are suing, claiming the military turns a blind eye to repeated rape cases.

myla haider is one of 17 women and men who filed suit claiming top brass at the pentagon didn't do anything to prevent the attacks or prosecute offenders. but the pentagon claims most cases aren't reported.

a big hearing for ex-illinois top cop drew peterson today... As a judge must decide on if hearsay will be allowed. peterson is charged with killing his third wife kathleen savio in 2004 and is 'under investigation' in the october 2007 disappearance of his fourth wife, stacy peterson. The issue today... whether the jury can consider what the wives said about him to other people. Word is Savio and Stacy told others they were afraid of him.

02-17-11

ARE YOUR CHURCH PEWS LOOKING A LITTLE EMPTY? IT TURNS OUT MORE PEOPLE ARE GIVING UP ON LARGE TRADITIONAL CHURCHES. A NEW SURVEY FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES shows PROTESTANT CHURCHES HAVE LOST more than TWO-AND-A-HALF-MILLION MEMBERS SINCE 19-98. SO WHERE ARE THEY GOING? SOME ARE TRYING NEW DENOMINATIONS... ATTENDANCE AT PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES HAS GROWN BY 150-THOUSAND ALREADY THIS YEAR. AND THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES HAVE SEEN AN ALMOST FOUR-AND-A-HALF-PERCENT JUMP IN ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR. BUT THE STUDY FINDS most folks are simply worshipping at 'bedside baptist', watching T-V or even going to the mall.

half a million bassinets are being recalled this morning after the feds say they could collapse. the 500-thousand baby bassinets made by Burlington Basket Company before June of last year. The feds say the support rails could fail if they're not fully locked into place. The company is giving you a free repair kit to make repairs.

02-18-11

the house is back in session this morning.. Hoping to wrap up votes on a big Republican spending bill that put funding for domestic programs on the chopping block. House speaker john boehner says this shouldn't be a surprise.now the last time a high ranking republican said 'read my lips'.. He had to eat his words. The GOP wants to cut about 60-billion dollars below last year. leaders need to work it out soon because current funding runs out march 4th.more than one hundred doctors, nurses and others are waking up behind bars charged in the largest health care fraud crackdown ever. the raids went down in nine states where prosecutors say they were milking the system defrauding Medicare of 225-million dollars in fake billings. prosecutors say docs would pay patients a 40 dollar kick back at some places to say they needed to be treated for fake ailments.. The clinic would then collect from Medicare or Medicaid.

02-21-11

After a weekend of government crackdowns leaving more than 200 people dead in libya, protestors continue their fight to get president gadhafi out of office. but one of gadhafi's sons spoke to the nation saying all of this drama could lead to a civil war and that his father will fight until 'the last bullet'. He did however promise reforms and possibly putting together a constitution.

TODAY IS PRESIDENT'S DAY, so HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK AT HOW IT CAME TO BE. It used to be that SOME WORKERS GOT TWO DAYS OFF IN FEBRUARY... ONE WAS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 22ND. BUT MANY STATES ALSO OBSERVED ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 12TH. but in 19-68... CONGRESS DECIDED THAT WAS TOO MANY HOLIDAYS too close together.. SO it COMBINED THEM INTO ONE.. ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH. A FEW STATES GAVE THE HOLIDAY THE NAME PRESIDENT'S DAY and it CAUGHT ON NATIONALLY.

02-22-11

the united nations security council will hold a meeting today to discuss libya's revolt. But leader Moammar Gadhafi says he's still the top dog and still in libya. He spoke on state t-v.. Very, very briefly. and that's all he said for 22 seconds. But he may have to eat those words after most of his diplomats and top aides have quit and are calling for him to step down as well. And secretary of state hilary clinton is co-signing that message.. Saying libya must stop the bloodshed just hours after libyan military fighter jets fired live ammo into crowds of protestors in Tripoli. Here's the latest on that deadly church bus crash in california. The bus driver was killed and several others are still in the hospital. the bus, carrying mostly teenagers was returning from a retreat in the san bernardino mountains when it collided with an s-u-v. The bus slid down a ravine 50 feet from the highway.. Shutting it down. No word on when the highway will reopen.

02-23-11

the libyan interior minister has been kidnapped.. Just hours after he quit. he predicted moammar gadhafi out of office within a matter of days... Even though the deviant president said.. 'Over my dead body'. gadhafi spoke yesterday from a compound preserved after the u-s bombed it in 19-86. he's also hired mercenaries to 'kill-at-will'.. after the libyan military refused to bomb protestors. the secretary of state hilary clinton condemns the violence saying the feds are working to evacuate americans. the justice department is weighing it options on how to handle the pirates accused of killing these four americans at sea. The families are remembering them as 'brave adventurers'. the feds say a pirate fired a rocket at the u-s warship that had been trailing them for three days. shots were fired inside the yacht's cabin and naval boats raced out to the yacht to help. They found the americans and two pirates dead. Navy seals ended up killing two more pirates.

02-24-11

hundreds of americans are making their way out of libya this morning as some sources say more than one thousand people have died. President obama condemned the violence. the libyan military is even turning on gadhafi. the pilot and co-pilot ordered to bomb anti-government protestors instead ejected safely from a plane and let it crash. Secretary of state hilary clinton is heading to geneva monday to meet with world leaders for an international response. The twitter talk of shooting at "wisconsin protestors"... Has cost an indiana deputy attorney general his job. cox tweeted on his personal account saying 'live ammunition should be used' on protestors in wisconsin to break up crowds. ok 'den. Union battles have spread to Cox's state... yesterday indiana democratic lawmakers didn't show up for session which killed a bill curbing union power. And more budget battles in rhode island.. All 19-hundred-26 teachers in providence got layoff notices as the district is 40 million dollars in the hole. 15 pirates are in custody and face trial.

02-25-11

The wisconsin assembly passed a bill early this morning to strip most public workers of their collective bargaining rights. score one for wisconsin governor scott walker. The bill now heads to the senate where the political standoff is far from over. state troopers have been dispatched to try to find at least one of the 14 Senate Democrats.. On the run.. So the senate can have a quorum to debate the bill. what to do about moammar gadhafi tops the agenda for the u-n security council.. Which is considering sanctions against Libya. Meanwhile, the violence is spreading. doctors say 17 people were killed this morning in a coastal city

near tunisia. and gadhafi is trying to hang on to what little power he has. In a radio address.. he rambled al-qaeda is behind the revolt and that osama bin laden is slipping pills in coffee at mosques to make people crazy.

02-28-11

the youngest victim in the new zealand earthquake.. A 5 month old boy... was laid to rest this morning. As the death toll hits 148..."but" sadly so far... Only 8 victims have been identified. New Zealand's prime minister says the 6-point-three magnitude quake that hit Christchurch last week could cost the country around 15 "billion" dollars. Rescuers may face another setback today because of extremely strong winds. And that the u-s is helping bin laden do it. Strong winds are also fueling the flames this morning in west texas. One person is dead and almost 90-thousand acres are scorched as wildfires burn out of control. you're listening to wind gusts of up to 70 miles an hour. 58 homes have been destroyed.. Several towns have been evacuated and a highway is shut down after heavy smoke caused a deadly accident.

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03-01-11

pro-gadahfi demonstrators are posted up on the eastern libyan border trying to regain parts of the country. But the white house is moving forward providing military help to the region. And 'team o' ain't too happy about moammar denying that there are protests and using force on his peeps. Here's more proof he's not playing with a full deck. is he on the same planet that we're on?

This is what the u-s wants.. exile, a no-fly zone and freezing his 30 billion dollars in assets.

it'll be on like donkey kong today in wisconsin.

Governor scott walker gave the 'runaway' dems an ultimatum.. get yo' behind back by this afternoon.. Or 15-hundred workers will start getting pink slips today. walker's discussing his budget plan at four o'clock this afternoon to cut one-billion dollars in funding to local governments and schools. And he wants the dems there to vote on it. President obama criticize plan at a governor's meeting in d-c.. Saying it doesn't do anybody any good when public employees are denigrated or vilified.

03-02-11

it looks like the government won't shut down this weekend. senators are expected to pass an extension to "pay the bills" for the next two weeks. the house ok'd the four billion dollar spending cuts bill yesterday. Senators also approved a measure to stop paychecks for the president and congress in the event of a government shutdown. but the house might not go for that. ice agents were 'hot as fire' yesterday saying they busted almost 700 people connected to Mexican drug gangs. This is the largest drug trafficking sweep by 'ice'.

Cops seized dozens of guns, drugs and tens of thousands of cash over a three-month period.

03-03-11

guess who wants to help negotiate a peaceful end to the violence in libya.. Venezuela's president hugo chavez. he wants leaders from Latin America, Europe and the Middle East to come up with a peace plan with rebels. but those anti-government forces aren't backing down. they retook control a post along the libyan-Tunisia border. And as the u-s mulls over possibly sending military assistance to rebel forces.. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton says it'll be tricky. the arab league rejected any outside help for the opposition, even though it too wants Gadhafi to leave. budget battles are helping the popularity of unions. A new nbc-wall street journal poll finds 62-percent of americans don't think workers should be stripped of their bargaining rights. Now the latest from the states.

Wisconsin Republican senators passed a resolution to fine the missing Dems a-hundred dollars every day they stay away. The Ohio Senate barely approved a bill barring public workers from striking and collective bargaining. That's heading to the state House.* Protesters in Rhode Island are demanding the Providence Mayor take back the two-thousand pink slips handed out to teachers.

03-04-11

moammar gadhafi's forces are cracking down on rebels who are trying to organize new protests today. There has been a wave of arrests, murders and disappearances.. Further enforcing president obama's push to get gadhafi out. President obama also approved U-S military aircraft to help people from other countries stranded in libya... find their way home. after 17 days of rallies... there are nothing but crickets chirping in the wisconsin state capitol building this morning. A judge kicked the protesters for security and sanitary issues. Now governor scott walker needs the awol

democrats to come back to the capitol or he's sending out pink slips today.
walker is sticking by his guns saying the collective bargaining provisions are not negotiable. The layoffs would kick in April first.

03-07-11

the situation in libya is getting "thiiiiis close" to a civil war. pro-Gadhafi forces are amping up the fighting and pounded rebels with artillery, rockets and gunfire trying to stop them from reaching the capital. The U-N's chief spoke with Libya's foreign minister yesterday.. again urging an end to violence. A doctor says at least 42 people were killed in Misrata. And the U-N says aid has been blocked.

The so-called east coast rapist will be arraigned this morning in connecticut. cops arrested aaron thomas friday, fingering him for raping 17 women from rhode island to virginia over 12 years. He spent some time in the hospital this weekend after trying to hang himself in his cell. Cops say d-n-a lifted from a cigarette butt connects thomas to a dozen rapes.

03-08-11

word is... Moammar gadhafi is trying to strike a deal with rebel forces to leave libya. But until that happens, the white house is still considering military action there and nato forces will provide air surveillance of the region 24-7. the u-s, britain and french officials are also working on a plan to impose a no-fly zone... Because moammar gadhafi is ruling the skies.. Launching several airstrikes yesterday on rebel forces. The white house denies the possibility of arming rebels to help fight back. in a surprise twist... Joran van der sloot will plead guilty to murdering a woman in peru last year. his lawyers say he will claim temporary insanity in order to get a shorter sentence. Van der sloot is accused of killing 21-year-old stephany flores last may after she "reportedly" found out about his connection to missing alabama teen natalee holloway from his laptop. He could spent three to five years in prison.. Instead of 15 to 35.

03-09-11

a u-s marshal died overnight after a fierce gun battle in st. Louis while trying to serve a warrant. john perry had been on the force for 10 years. two other officers were also hit.. But are expected to survive. The suspect, Carlos Boles.. Was also killed. Marshals were serving a felony arrest warrant when boles opened fire on them at the door. An about face for wisconsin governor scott walker. Word is.. His office is trying to make a deal with awol democrats. emails between his deputy chief of staff and the dems show he's willing to let public workers collectively bargain workplace safety issues, while restricting them from negotiating hours, overtime and leave time. he would also limit collective bargaining agreements to one or two years.

03-10-11

many are calling today's house hearings on muslim radicalization a 'witch hunt'. It's sparked a lot of controversy with protests like these this week. But the man in charge of the hearings say they are absolutely essential. House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Peter King says not all muslim americans cooperate with law enforcement and accused mosques of being a breeding ground for radicalization. Muslim and civil rights groups condemn the hearings saying they're being unfairly targeted. Doctors treating Arizona Representative Gabrielle Giffords say they'll announce some very good news tomorrow about her condition. Her friends say she's become a regular chatty kathy on the phone. meanwhile, jared loughner pleaded not guilty in court yesterday as he grinned at the judge and faced his victims for the first time. He's is charged with 49 counts.. Including murder and attempted murder. six were killed.. 13 were hurt in the january shooting. Loughner be back in court may 25 for a competency hearing.

03-11-11

President obama is sending his "deepest condolences" to people of japan this morning.. after a tsunami rolled into japan following a huge 8-point-9 magnitude earthquake hit off the coast early this morning and it was caught on tape. One witness said it was unlike anything he's experienced their before.

So far 32 people have been killed. And millions are without power. The entire West Coast of the US and 20 other countries are also under tsunami warnings after weeks of all this drama.. wisconsin governor scott walker is expected to sign the controversial bill stripping collective bargaining rights of most state workers into law today ... after Wisconsin's Assembly passed it last night. at least one of the 14 awol Senate Dems is back in wisconsin and the remaining 13 will be returning this weekend. and the passion is still hot.. the republican Senate Majority Leader is now getting death threats. the bill also requires state workers, except police and firefighters, to cover more of their retirement plans and health care premiums.

03-14-11

OFFICIALS IN JAPAN ARE ORDERING NEARLY 600 RESIDENTS TO STAY INDOORS AFTER THE SECOND EXPLOSION IN THREE DAYS ROCKED A NUCLEAR PLANT IN FOO-KOO-SHE-MA. THIS AS CREWS SCRAMBLE TO COOL SIX CORES AT FOUR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TO AVOID NUCLEAR MELTDOWNS. The plants were damaged in FRIDAY'S EIGHT-POINT-NINE MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE WHICH TRIGGERED A TSUNAMI. MEANWHILE, THE DEATH TOLL HAS RISEN TO OVER 18-HUNDRED AND ANOTHER 23-HUNDRED ARE STILL MISSING. THIS MORNING... THE N-T-S-B IS LOOKING FOR VIDEO showing what a bus driver was doing in a casino just prior to "this accident" THAT claimed 14 lives OVER THE WEEKEND IN NEW YORK. <"We had about seven or eight people pinned in the rear of the bus that we had to actually cut out by removing seats while we cut a hole in the roof of the bus to access the victims in the back." > THE DRIVER TOLD COPS HE LOST CONTROL WHILE TRYING TO AVOID A TRUCK IN THE FAST LANE, WHICH CAUSED THE BUS TO FLIP, hit TWO POLES and break in HALF. BUT WITNESSES SAY THE DRIVER fell ASLEEP. THE BUS WAS en route from a connecticut casino to manhattan.

03-15-11

Here's the latest info from overnight in japan. Japanese officials have set up a no-fly zone above the Fukushima power plant after another explosion is now leaking radiation. Japan's prime minister says the levels.. are skyrocketing. officials also say the situation is severely unstable and a meltdown is possible. people have been evacuated at least 20 miles from the facility, others are asked to stay indoors. meanwhile, rescue workers continued to scour mounds of debris, searching for survivors. A glimmer of hope this morning.. Crews found a 70-year old woman alive. The 9-point-zero magnitude earthquake and tsunami killed 24-hundred-75 people and at least 31-hundred-18 people are still missing. Wisconsin unions are getting break this morning. The secretary of State said he won't 'publish' the new Controversial law stripping away collective bargaining rights until the very last moment. Secretary of State Doug La Follette decided to publish the law March 25 to give schools and other local governments time to pass contract extensions. Governor Scott Walker wanted it effective yesterday. But La Follette.. Who's a Democrat says there's no law forcing him to rush it.

03-16-11

In an extraordinarily rare appearance, Japan's emperor just spoke to the nation.. Telling people not to give up hope as the country deals with the aftermath from the devastating earthquake. aftershocks rocked japan today this morning.. The strongest at 6-point-oh. It's definitely not what workers need.. who are trying to cool off reactors at the fukushima power plant. They were temporarily evacuated after a fire broke out at a reactor... Spiking radiation. here's the latest by the numbers.. the death toll increased overnight to 37-hundred-71 people. 8-thousand-181 are still missing. Half a million people who lived near the nuclear plant have been evacuated with 450-thousand of them now living in shelters. but a glimmer of hope yesterday after rescuers pulled a man out of a collapsed building 96 hours after the quake hit. it's giving workers from virginia a little more steam as they looked for others who may have survived.the 9-point-zero quake now ranks at the fourth strongest quake on record. the government will remain in business for another three weeks.

the house approved a spending bill to keep the feds afloat until april 8th. Lawmakers are hammering out money for what's left of the the fiscal year.

03-17-11

PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS ORDERED any AMERICANS IN A 50-MILE RADIUS AROUND THE FOO-KOO-SHE-MA NUCLEAR PLANT in Japan TO EVACUATE THIS MORNING AS NUCLEAR CONCERNS there ESCALATE. JAPANESE CREWS ARE WORKING TO RESTORE POWER TO THE PLANT'S COOLING UNITS TO HELP BRING THE TEMPERATURES OF THOSE OVERHEATING REACTORS BACK DOWN TO NORMAL. THIS AS TROOPS USED HELICOPTERS AND WATER CANNONS TO HELP COOL REACTOR NUMBER THREE EARLIER TODAY. MEANWHILE TEMPERATURES in Japan CONTINUE TO PLUMMET AND WITH DAILY POWER OUTAGES, MANY IN SHELTERS ARE STRUGGLING TO STAY WARM. THOSE COLD TEMPERATURES ARE MAKING THE SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT. STILL, MANY volunteers AREN'T GIVING UP HOPE, EVEN in the face of much despair. 4,165 PEOPLE ARE NOW confirmed DEAD AND ANOTHER 12-THOUSAND ARE STILL MISSING. THE SEARCH CONTINUES THIS MORNING FOR THESE TWO REPORTERS AND TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES now m-i-a IN LIBYA. REPORTS SAY THEY WERE SWEEPED UP BY LIBYAN FORCES, BUT THE libyan GOVERNMENT claims they DON'T KNOW where they are. FRIENDS AND FAMILY are anxious... MEANWHILE REBELS ARE BEGGING FOR THE WEST TO STEP IN AS MOAMMAR GADHAFI'S FORCES CONTINUE TO BOMB THE LAST MAJOR CITY BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND THE REBEL'S STRONGHOLD IN BEN-GHAZI. THEY SAY IF GADHAFI'S TROOPS continue to prevail, there could be GENOCIDE IN LIBYA. Many frightened LIBYANS ARE already trying to escape to the EGYPTIAN BORDER

03-18-11

CREWS in japan ARE RACING TO restore POWER TO TWO NUCLEAR REACTORS TODAY. THEY HOPE TO HAVE TWO MORE UP BY SUNDAY. THIS AS THEY CONTINUE TO POuR WATER ON THEM TO PREVENT A NUCLEAR MELTDOWN. HERE'S THE BREAKDOWN. THEIR MAIN FOCUS IS KEEPING REACTOR THREE at the foo-koo-she-ma plant COOL. THEY ARE ALSO CONSIDERING SPRAYING WATER ON UNIT ONE. AND TEMPS ARE RISING ON UNITS FIVE AND SIX, BUT OFFICIALS SAY THEY POSE NO DANGER YET. MEANWHILE, POWER IS BEING RESOTRED TO SOME AREAS hit hardest by the earthquake and tsunami AND SUPPLIES ARE STARTING TO ROLL IN. THIS BRINGS SOME MUCH NEEDED RELIEF TO SHELTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRYING TO COPE WITH COLD TEMPERATURES AND FOOD shortages.

<"Haven't even had time to think about coping. Getting everyone taken care of is most important right now." > YESTERDAY, THOSE SEARCHING FOR SURVIVORS ONLY FOUND MORE BODIES. AND HOPE FOR FAMILIES IS FADING. MORE THAN 65-HUNDRED ARE NOW CONFIRMED DEAD, about 10-THOUSAND MORE ARE STILL MISSING.

CELEBRATIONS LIKE THIS ONE CONTINUE THIS MORNING IN LIBYA AFTER THE U-N VOTED YESTERDAY TO IMPOSE A NO FLY ZONE.

THE U-N SAID IT WOULD TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROTECT CIVILIANS THERE... BUT THERE'S NO WORD ON exactly HOW THEY PLAN TO DO THAT. BUT THE U-S SAYS THIS SHOULD SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE

WHILE REBELS HOPE THE MOVE WILL KEEP MOAMMAR GADHAFI FROM BOMBING THEM, U-S MILITARY OFFICIALS SAY IT WON'T STOP GROUND ATTACKS. BUT GADHAFI'S FORCES SAY THEY PLAN TO EVACUATE CITIZENS IN BENGHAZI BEFORE SENDING COPS... NOT TROOPS... IN TO DISARM THE REBELS.

03-21-11

MOAMMAR GADHAFI IS NO-WHERE TO BE FOUND THIS MORNING AFTER THE U-S ATTACKED SEVERAL MILITARY COMPOUNDS AS PART OF THEIR ENFORCEMENT OF the U-N's NO-FLY ZONE IN LIBYA. TARGETS INCLUDED THIS ONE WHICH WAS A BUILDING IN

GADHAFI'S COMPOUND IN TRIPOLI. MEANWHILE, CHEERING CONTINUES among the rebels AS THE U-S INVOLVEMENT BRINGS NEW HOPE TO their cause. THE LIBYAN MILITARY HAS AGREED TO A CEASE FIRE, alTHOUGH U-N ALLIES ARE SKEPTICAL. american MILITARY OFFICIALS SAY THEY PLAN TO HAND OVER COMMAND OF THE OPERATION TO THE REST OF THE COALITION IN the coming days. but some CRITICS aren't buying that, saying the goal is regime change. BUT U-S OFFICIALS SAY THEY AREN'T GOING FuRTHER THAN WHAT THE U-N HAS RECOMMENDED. LIBYAN TROOPS CLAIM DOZENS HAVE BEEN KILLED, mostly CIVILIANS... BUT THE MILITARY's TOP BRASS question the credibility of those claims emergency CREWS continue to SPRAY WATER ON THE NUCLEAR PLANT IN FOO-KOO-SHE-MA THIS MORNING TO COOL DOWN over-heating REACTORS. OFFICIALS SAY THEY MAY NEED TO RELEASE MORE RADIOACTIVE GAS INTO THE AIR TO alleviate PRESSURE IN REACTOR NUMBER THREE. RADIATION IS ALREADY BEING FOUND IN SOME local FOOD AND TAP WATER, LEADING to a GOVERNMENT warning against its consumption. MEANWHILE SOME miraculous discoveries IN THE SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS. AN 80-YEAR OLD WOMAN AND A 16 YEAR-OLD BOY WERE FOUND ALIVE YESTERDAY... NINE DAYS AFTER THE NINE-POINT-OH EARTHQUAKE STRUCK. And WHILE HOPE FADES FOR OTHERS, the search continues for loved ones' BODIES TO at least BRING PIECE OF MIND. OVER 86-HUNDRED Japanese ARE now CONFIRMED DEAD. MORE THAN 13-THOUSAND ARE STILL MISSING.

03-22-11

AN OPERATION IS UNDERWAY TO RECOVER A PILOT AFTER A U-S F-15 JET WAS BROUGHT DOWN BY ENEMY FIRE IN LIBYA THIS MORNING. ANOTHER PILOT HAS ALREADY BEEN RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH. WE'LL HAVE MORE INFO AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. MEANWHILE, AIR STRIKES CONTINUE TODAY IN A EFFORT TO DISARM gadhafi's TROOPS. IN THE PAST 24-HOURS alone, U-N FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED 32 AIR STRIKES. firing 136 MISSILES ON MILITARY TARGETS. BUT REBELS WHO HAVE BEEN PUSHED BACK BY GADHAFI'S TROOPS HAVE STOPPED THEIR ADVANCES, sparking fears IN WASHINGTON of A prolonged STALEMATE WHICH could lead to U-S involvement IN ANOTHER MID-EAST COUNTRY FOR THE LONG HAUL.

PRESIDENT OBAMA TRIED TO EASE THOSE FEARS IN CHILE YESTERDAY WHERE HE STRESSED THAT THE U-S WOULD HAND OVER CONTROL OF THE NO-FLY ZONE VERY SOON.

HE ALSO SAID WHILE MOAMMAR GADHAFI WAS NOT A TARGET, HE HOPED THE U-S COULD FIND various WAYS TO PRESSURE HIM TO LEAVE.

THERE'S NO WORD YET WHICH COUNTRY WILL TAKE the lead WHEN the U-S HANDS OVER CONTROL.

MEANWHILE, THE FIRST AMERICAN death HAS BEEN CONFIRMED in JAPAN.

24 YEAR-OLD TAYLOR ANDERSON WAS AN ENGLISH TEACHER IN ISH-IN-OH-MAH-KEY FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.

SHE WAS LAST SEEN HELPING STUDENTS FIND THEIR FAMILIES AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE, but then disappeared.

THE U-S EMBASSY TOLD her FAMILY YESTERDAY... THAT HER BODY HAD BEEN FOUND.

03-23-11

as moammar gadhafi claims he'll come out victorious, president obama says the u-s will be able to hand over control of the mission within days.

the air strikes will continue until gadhafi stops attacking civilians. But witnesses say he's placed snipers on rooftops.. Killing several people including four children in misrata. Meanwhile, the two american f-15 fighter pilots are safe in europe this morning after ejecting from their jet after a malfunction.

workers at the quake-damaged nuclear plant have been evacuated as smoke billows above one of the reactors. and japanese officials say the tap water in Tokyo is not safe for infants. back here in the states... The f-d-a is caving to

public pressure and has now decided to stop all milk, fruits and veggies imported from radiation affected areas from crossing into the u-s.

03-24-11

another air strike this morning just outside tripoli as the u-s led no-fly zone kicks off day six. president obama will meet with his national security team today about his plan after new pressure from several lawmakers asking for details. He told european allies the u-s will step back bt saturday, but will continue to offer support.. like intelligence. Meanwhile, an nbc reporter is safe this morning after a very close call.

the reporter says the shots came from the libyan army.

now to the crisis in japan... three workers have been exposed to radioactive materials at the Fukushima plant.. two of them hospitalized. about two dozen people have been hurt since the plant started leaking radiation. the good news.. The water in tokyo is now safe to drink. Here in the states.. Colorado and Oregon are reporting trace amounts of radioactive particles that probably drifted five-thousand miles from Japan. the E-p-a says it's just a 'typical fluctuation in background radiation levels'... No biggie.

03-25-11

nato just agreed to head up the no-fly zone over libya... But warplanes are still dropping bombs from the skies this morning over Tripoli, where moammar gadafhi's military bases are located. nato will rule the skies by sunday... But apparently, the u-s will continue some airstrikes.. Until the 28 member allies decide on whether to take over the entire mission. meanwhile, the libyan government claims these coalition attacks are killing dozens of civilians. It held funerals yesterday in tripoli for 33 people 'it says' were killed in aerial assaults. The u-s led coalition says there's no proof the air attacks killed civilians.

The syrian government promises to make some changes and lift restrictions on political freedom after days of protests have led to dozens of demonstrators dead. the government says it'll 'consider' ending 'emergency rule' which has been in place since 1963. It allows cops to arrest people without warrants and people to be imprisoned without trial. But, protestors are still holding a "Day of Dignity" rallies at mosques today across the country.

03-28-11

people in a san fran neighborhood have been allowed back into their homes this morning after a man was hurt when a bomb in his newspaper blew up in his hand. Cops are trying to figure out if the man in his eighties was the target and why. They say he lost several fingers.. But is expected to survive. Neighbors say they saw a man in camouflage the night before walking out. But cops say they didn't find any other bombs nearby.

How jacked up is your march madness bracket right now? I'm sure it's a hot mess after an unlikely foursome is heading to the final four! those are v-c-u students... Still celebrating the big victory over number one seed kansas. It'll be the 11-seed virginia commonwealth's first time to the final four EVER.. Taking on 'number 8' butler after the bulldogs beat florida! And it'll be number 3 seed uconn and number 4 kentucky squaring off.. Kentucky's first trip back to the foursome since 19-98. The four teams tip off starting saturday at 6 eastern.

03-29-11

secretary of state hillary clinton is in london today to meet with other diplomats to discuss the crisis in libya. She carries with her president obama's message that moammar gadafhi is a danger to the world and it is time to act. Republican House Speaker John Boehner released a statement saying the prez's speech was helpful, but still didn't provide much clarity. but most americans agree with the president's policy on libya. A new Pew Research Center poll finds 47-percent of Americans support the airstrikes on Libya, while 36-percent are against them. Seventeen percent don't know. and an update on the woman who claims she was beaten and raped by libyan troops. Her family says she's 'still' being held by government officials and that they were offered money to get her to change her story. more bad news from japan at that nuclear power plant. Workers are scrambling to keep reactors cool and prevent radioactive water from leaking into the ocean. This is on top of trace amounts of plutonium found in soil near the plant. there is a glimmer of hope.. power has been restored to reactor number three. And workers are using sandbags and concrete panels to keep water inside.. Which is need to stave off a meltdown. back on our side of the pacific.. At least 15 states have found trace amounts of radiation from Japan. but officials say the levels don't cause health concerns.

03-30-11

as the world decides what to do about moammar gadahfi.. Rebels forces are getting hammered by government forces with tanks and rockets. President obama says he might be willing to hook them up with weapons to make it a fairer fight. Nato hopes all of this pressure will encourage gadhafi to step down... But there is some concern this morning that some al qaeda members are tagging on to rebel forces. By the way, the u-s will hand over full control of the operation "this week."

now to japan where stress and fatigue has landed the Fukushima nuclear plant chief... in the hospital. That news comes as a water sample taken from near the plant... registered the highest levels of radioactive iodine yet! The plant has been leaking radiation since its cooling systems were knocked out by the March 11th quake and tsunami. Plant workers are working overtime to fix it... Sleeping in stairwells and eating crackers for meals. President Obama called the prime minister early this morning to offer more help.

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The white house is also focused on reducing dependence on foreign oil. president obama rolled out a plan to cut oil imports as a house committee will meet today about bringing down the damn gas prices! the president promises to cut oil imports by a-third by 20-25, but says offshore drilling may be the best short-term fix. And despite worries over nuclear power due to the emergency in japan, he's still looking at using it an alternative to oil. by the way.. The average price for a gallon of gas is 3-55.

The n-t-sb just released new info about this horrible Bronx bus crash that killed 15 people earlier this month. officials say they don't buy driver ophadell williams story about a semi clipping the bus causing it to flip. The agency says the bus drifted to the right before hitting a roadside barrier.. which could support witnesses claims that the driver fell asleep. The bus rolled and skidded 500 feet before a highway signpost sliced it in half. The NTSB says it's working on new safety recommendations.